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SALEM COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HOST PUBLIC FORUM ON POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF SALEM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MATERNITY WARD

(SALEM, NJ)-Freeholder Dale Cross, Chair of the County Health Committee, and Freeholder Jeffrey Hogan, Chair of the County Social Services Committee, today announced that the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 5:00 PM in the Salem County Courthouse regarding the potential closing of the maternity ward at Salem Memorial Hospital.

"The Freeholders are obviously concerned about the potential ramifications to our community if the maternity ward closes at the Memorial Hospital," said Freeholder Cross. "As the Freeholders contemplate action on this issue and in an effort for transparency, we want to hear the concerns of the residents that would be affected by a potential closure."

Invitations have been sent by the Clerk of the Board's office to the leadership at Salem Memorial Hospital, as well as state and federal representatives and officials.

"We have been monitoring the situation and are very concerned of the potential implications to the Salem County residents," said Freeholder Hogan. "The management team has kept Freeholder Cross and I informed throughout their decision making process. The well-being of our residents is the central matter of concern for the Freeholders. It is important that residents come out and make their concerns heard."